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SUBJECT: VISITS OF CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY TRAINING
SHIP GOLDEN BEAR TO CERTAIN FOREIGN PORTS.

1. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ADVISES THAT THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY WILL BE MAKING ITS ANNUAL TRAINING CRUISE ABOARD THE TRAINING SHIP GOLDEN BEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 16, 1977 AND ENDING MARCH 11, 1977. THE CRUISE IS BEING MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAINING OF PROSPECTIVE LICENSED OFFICERS IN THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE AND FOR COMMISSIONS AS ENSIGNS IN THE U.S. NAVAL RESERVE.

2. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE GOLDEN BEAR WILL BE CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. AGUILAR. THERE WILL BE EMBARKED APPROXIMATELY 22 OFFICERS, 290 MIDSHIPMEN AND 30 CREW MEMBERS. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME IF REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH P. RIZZA, USMS, PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY WILL BE ABOARD DURING ANY PART OF THE CRUISE.

3. THE TRAINING SHIP GOLDEN BEAR IS THE FORMER T.S. CRESCENT CITY, STEAM TURBINE, 8,500 H.P., 491' LENGTH, 65' BEAM, 22' DRAFT AND APPROXIMATELY 7,987 GROSS TONS. THIS IS AN UNDOCUMENTED U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED PUBLIC VESSEL.
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IT IS ASSIGNED TO THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY ON A

LOAN BASIS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 85-672, 85TH

CONGRESS.

4. THE VESSEL WILL DEPART FROM VALLEJO ON JANUARY 16 AND, AFTER CALLS AT SAN CLEMENTE AND LONG BEACH, WILL VISIT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, FROM JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 2, ACAJULTA, EL SALVADOR, FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO 7, GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, FROM FEBRUARY 10 TO 14, CALLAO, PERU, FROM FEBRUARY 14 TO 18, AND GUAYMAS, MEXICO FROM FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 3.

5. PLEASE OBTAIN DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR VISIT TO ACAJULTA AND REQUEST EXTENSION OF COURTESIES NORMALLY ACCORDED TO A PUBLIC VESSEL OF THE UNITED STATES.

6. BECAUSE MARITIME DESIRES CLEARANCE IN ADVANCE OF VESSEL'S DEPARTURE FROM VALLEJO, EXPEDITE REPLY MARKED FOR PROTOCOL. ROBINSON

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